

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
August 5, 2009

Council: Mary Nedrow Mayor, Bill Lucas, Ron Thebeau and Phelps Wilkins.

Excused: Eric Baca

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Eduardo Coronado Legal Counsel, Larisa Bogardus Community Dev., Tom Malone Public Works Dir. Karen Asquith Finance Director and Max Sadler Fire Chief.

Public: Kevin Burk, Kay Wilkins, Kevin Burk, Richard Greer, Linda Martin, Byron Smith, Dan Muth and Jennifer Prochnow Chamber Director.

1. Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

2. Councilman Lucas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: None

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Chamber Director Jennifer Prochnow gave a brief report on the chamber activities for the month of July stating that visitors picked up in the month of June. They added a fishing page and a wildlife page to the Chamber website. She reported that they received the A.R.M grant but it was not fully funded so they will be making adjustments to the plan. They will be removing the New Mexico Outdoor Expo to have money for the video loop, the Arizona Game & Fish Expo and the Round Valley Roundup next year and they are still working on the new 3 in 1 visitor's guide.

Town Manager West briefly updated the council on the T & E Streetscape grant project noting that it has gone through the 2nd phase of the project and moving right along. He commended Karen and staff for the preliminary budget. The information requested by Councilman Thebeau regarding the number of full time and part time employees is included.

5. Consent Items:

a. Consider approval of the July 15, 2009 town council meeting minutes.

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to approve the minutes of the town council meeting held on July 15, 09.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

6. Roto Rooter Agreement:

The Town's Legal Counsel Eduardo Coronado declared a conflict of interest stating that Roto Rooter are their clients.

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to approve the agreement with Roto Rooter agreement to dump septic and portable waste in the west lift station.

Councilman Lucas asked what and where the west lift station is, what capacity does the town have there, what they might be dumping and what impact does this have on the Town. He asked that policies related to items they are asked to vote on be included in the packets.

Public Works Director Malone said that it didn't have much impact on the Town. The capacity of the west lift station is about half a million gallons a day and we currently run about 100 thousand. The policy limits the amount they can dump within a 48 hour period. We charge \$.20 cents per gallon to offset costs. We are the only ones in the area that can handle this dumping.

Councilman Thebeau also stated his concerns with what is being dumped, what type of chemical components are in the waste they have to dump.

Director Malone said they have a contract with the Forest Service and the chemicals they use in their porta-potties are compatible with ours which is regulated by ADEQ. We have little control over what goes into our sewer.

Councilman Wilkins stated that he didn't think there was any way we could control what people put in the sewer.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

8. Application for extension of premises/patio permits. Discussion and action regarding a recommendation from the Council to approve Coyote's Creek Steakhouse & Saloon request for extension of premises temporary and permanent permits.

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to permits the Coyote Creeks Steakhouse and Saloon to have two permits to extension his premises, permit one for a temporary extension, the second permit for a permanent extension.

Councilman Lucas asked what the potential impact would be on the surrounding neighbors out there.

Community Development Director Bogardus noted that this would be coming before planning and zoning next meeting. She advised the council that Liquor Control is the only authority that determines where alcohol can be served. The Town Council is acknowledging that this has been presented before them but has little say over that. Planning and Zoning has a stipulation that outdoor food and beverage service is a conditional use permit which Mr. Greer has applied for and they can regulate noise and hours of operation and are working with him.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

9. Resolution 2009-R008: Declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the town clerk and entitled "The 2009 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Springerville."

Phelps Wilkins/Bill Lucas motion to adopt resolution 2009-R008 declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the town clerk and entitled "The 2009 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Springerville."

Councilman Lucas stated that he didn't fully understand the implications of the Tax Code Amendments on where we used to be, what we're doing now and who does it impact.

Finance Director Asquith explained that there is a Model Cities Tax Code which is amended yearly. In general this is based on legislation changes throughout the year.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow
 Bill Lucas
 Ron Thebeau
 Phelps Wilkins

10. Ordinance 2009-003 First reading and discussion of ordinance 2009-003 adopting the 2009 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Springerville.

Mayor Nedrow announced that this was a first reading only and asked if there was any discussion.

Councilman Lucas asked if it was possible to get a summary telling the council what the amendments mean and who it impacts.

Town Manager West explained that the ordinance contains strike through's with the changes. Annually legislature changes some things in the tax code that has to be amended.

11. Tentative Budget: Discussion and action regarding adopting the tentative FY 2009-2010 Town of Springerville budget.

Councilman Wilkins said he thought they should not adopt anything until they have a full council present.

Town Manager West explained that they were only adopting a tentative budget tonight to set the amounts.

Director Asquith explained that a tentative budget needs to be adopted to set the expenditure limitations. The tentative budget sets the expenditure limitation. You may change the budget but not in any way that would raise the budget. Shuffling may be made within the budget after the tentative is adopted.

Bill Lucas/Mary Nedrow motion to adopt the tentative budget.

Councilman Wilkins expressed his concern and asked the council to reconsider the budget cut to the Chamber. He felt that the chamber does a lot to promote the Town and felt that if we cut the budget it would be the demise of the chamber. They are a good organization and said he would not participate in the demise of the chamber. He felt that they should go back and find them money to bring them back up as well as go to the Bed Tax and request \$5,000 to be able to help them do something.

Councilman Lucas stated that his intent was to approve the tentative budget approved to set a cap. They can go forward from here and discuss line items. Like Councilman Wilkins he has concerns with certain items in the budget particularly the Senior Center and asked the Chamber to quantify value to the Town.

Chamber President Linda Martin address the council reporting that they can see value in the chamber in drawing more people here through their website and advertising. It's hard to know hard to know how many people are drawn here to our community. The chamber gives out information to people going through as well but agreed that once they get the people here, they should be able to put a value to it.

Councilman Lucas suggested that they might have people fill out a survey as a manner in which they could measure how it's benefiting the community.

Ms. Martin agreed that would be a good idea and they would implement that.

Councilman Wilkins said he would like to discuss this again and again asked the council to reconsider funding the chamber and said he would vote in favor of putting a cap tonight.

Director Asquith advised the council that the Town is currently operating on a balanced budget and we have no way to increase our revenues if they want to put this money back. Currently, the Town's revenue projections are set but if the expenditure projections aren't it means that we'll

have to take away from one budget to add to another. There isn't any ability to add more revenue..

Councilman Lucas said he wanted to know more about the senior center and the extent of the services they provide. He said he was under the impression that they were self funding through grants adding he would like to have more information. He asked what the Town of Eagar provides and asked if they're contributing their fair share.

Mayor Nedrow noted that they had reviewed each department at the budget workshop and the senior center was a concern. She reiterated that tonight they were voting on adopting the tentative budget meaning they were putting a cap on it and publishing it in the newspaper. She called for a vote to adopt the tentative budget.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

12. Executive Session: Discussion and action regarding entering into executive session in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) and (4) for legal consultation.

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to adjourn into executive session for; a- discussion on the town manager contract and b-any action/discussion as a result of the executive session items at 7:06 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

Mayor Nedrow asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting.

Councilman Lucas directed the town clerk to provide additional information the council and legal council as discussed.

13. Adjournment:

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau
		Phelps Wilkins

Mary Nedrow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, August 5, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of August 2009

Town Clerk